

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1-2 and 4-6. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1-7, replace the original sheets including Figs. 1-7. The attached sheets of drawings also include new Figures 8 and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets - Figures 1-7.

Attachment: New Sheets – Figures 8 & 9.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-9, and 11-21 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 3, 6, 9, and 11-14 are being amended. Claims 2 and 10 are being canceled. Claims 16-21 are new. No new matter is being entered.

The applicants appreciate the indication that claims 2-5, 8, and 10-15 were directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 1 and 9 are being amended to include the features of claims 2 and 10, respectively. Thus, claims 1 and 9 are in condition for allowance. Claims 3-8 and 11-15 depend on claims 1 and 9, respectively, and thus, are also in condition for allowance.

New claim 16 includes the structural elements of original claim 8 in independent form. Similarly, new claim 20 includes the structural elements of original claim 14 in independent form. New claims 17-19 and 21 depend on claims 16 and 20, respectively. Accordingly, new claims 16-21 are in condition for allowance.

The drawings were objected to for various informalities. The Figures are being amended as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, Figures 1-2 and 4-6 are being amended to include labels on the boxes. Figure 2 is also being amended to show the control circuitry 1 connected to the amplifier 3. Figures 2 and 4-6 are being amended to show a control voltage V_c that controls the MOS 102. A new Figure 8 is being supplied to show the complete new circuit of Figure 1 in combination with Figure 2. A new Figure 9 is being supplied to show an embodiment of the invention that includes parallel connected regulators. No new matter is being entered.

The abstract was objected to for using legal phraseology. The abstract is being amended to eliminate such phraseology.

The title of the invention was objected to as not being descriptive. The title is being amended as suggested by the Examiner.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If there are any

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remaining issues to be resolved, the applicants respectfully request the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney for a telephone conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

- Postcard
- 6 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1-7)
- 2 Sheets of New Drawings (Figures 8 and 9)

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